

Agency 387

**Washington State Arts Commission****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2003-05 Expenditure Authority</b>	16.6	4,527	1,026	5,553
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	16.6	4,627	1,301	5,928
Difference		100	275	375
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	2.2%	26.8%	6.8%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
General Inflation		(10)	(1)	(11)
Art Acquisition	1.0			
<b>Subtotal</b>	1.0	(10)	(1)	(11)
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	17.6	4,617	1,300	5,917
Difference	1.0	90	274	364
Percent Change from Current Biennium	6.0%	2.0%	26.7%	6.6%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Build Participation in the Arts	5.6	916	116	1,032
Local Arts Organizations	3.0	1,510	1,018	2,528
Public Art	6.0	547		547
Support the Arts as Basic Education	3.0	1,644	166	1,810
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	17.6	4,617	1,300	5,917

**PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS****Art Acquisition**

Additional staffing is needed to address the growing workload experienced by the Arts Commission due to increased capital budget activity. An additional project manager will enable the commission to fully develop and manage public art programs. Funding will come from a capital budget allocation for program administrative costs.

**ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS****Build Participation in the Arts**

Washington residents and visitors have expanded opportunities to participate in the arts through the agency's investment in community-based organizations and initiatives throughout the state, including project grants, partnerships, and community arts development. Through funding, technical assistance, and leadership, the agency works with partners to integrate the arts into key local issues such as downtown revitalization, tourism, and services for at-risk youth. A private grant program funds pilot projects to expand arts participation in geographically remote, economically disadvantaged, disabled, and ethnic communities.

**Local Arts Organizations**

Grant awards to organizations provide financial support for essential programs, leveraging additional funding, reducing admission prices, and expanding public access to quality arts programs. Funding is directed to organizations in various stages of development and requires accountability and evaluation reporting. General operating expenses are supported by two grant categories; this is one of the rarest forms of grant funds available to organizations.

### **Public Art**

The Art in Public Places program has mandated responsibility (RCW 43.46.090) to acquire and place artwork in publicly accessible places throughout Washington State. The program maintains the acquired artwork through directed conservation and education efforts.

### **Support the Arts as Basic Education**

The arts are integrated into learning opportunities for students of all ages. The agency funds arts education at many levels including programs at public schools, professional arts training institutes, and through folk arts apprenticeships. Teachers, artists, and pre-service teachers are trained in the Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs) in the Arts, in integrating the arts with other subject areas, and in assessing student progress. Adult learners, including pre-service teachers, arts administrators and others, are trained in the arts, arts management, and community development in the arts through agency-provided workshops and assistance.